(b) whether it is a fact that the radiation equipment machines at Jammu in J&K an for curing cancer were lying unused till June 1991, causing a loss of Rs. 4.50 lakhs;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of technical staff and present these machines are being used only for 5 hours daily instead of 18 hours per day;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the radiation is posing hazard to staff in adjourning rooms; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of food adulteration detection kit

1320. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Prof. (Miss) Geetha Swaminathan of Stella Marris College, Madras has developed a very simple, elegent and inexpensive food adulteration detection kit;

(b) whether it is a fact that this kit has been field tested successfully;

(c) whether Government propose to support and reward such innovators; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to obtain at least 1000 such kits and arrange its demonstration and training amongst consumers and other activists/women NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of testing efficacy of the kit developed by Prof. Miss Geetha Swaminathan.

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गुजरात में परिवार नियोजन केन्द्र

1321. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय गुजरात में वर्ष वार नियोजन केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है और उन पर प्रति वर्ष जिला-वार कितना कितना खर्च किया जाता है ; और

(ख) 1990-91, 1991-92 के दौरान और अब तक प्रत्येक जिले में परिवार नियोजन के कितने आपरेशन किए गए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल प रख दी जाएगी ।

Cancer from Chlorinated water

1322. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 3rd July, 1992 under the caption "Chlorinated water may cause cancer";

(b) whether Government are aware of the study referred to in the American Journal of Public Health regarding the corelation between bladder and rectal cancer and chlorinated water;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have examined this aspect; and

(e) if so, what are the findings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (e) Yes, Sir.